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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following:

- 1. an Issue Fee Transmittal, Part B (PTO Form PTOL-85B);
- 2. Remarks to Examiner's Reasons for Allowance; and
- 3. a check in the amount of \$1,715.00 as the requisite Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(a), §1.18(d) and for five (5) advanced copies of the issued patent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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REMARKS TO EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant believes that the Statements of Reasons for Allowance in this case is improper as it merely copies one or more limitations of the claims into the reasons for allowance. While applicant believes that the claims are allowable, applicant does not agree patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

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